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TITLE OF CASE UNSUBS; MINIATURE FM TRANSMITTER FOUND ON TELEPHONE OF R. SPENCER OLIVER, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C., 9/13/72		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED, BY krl
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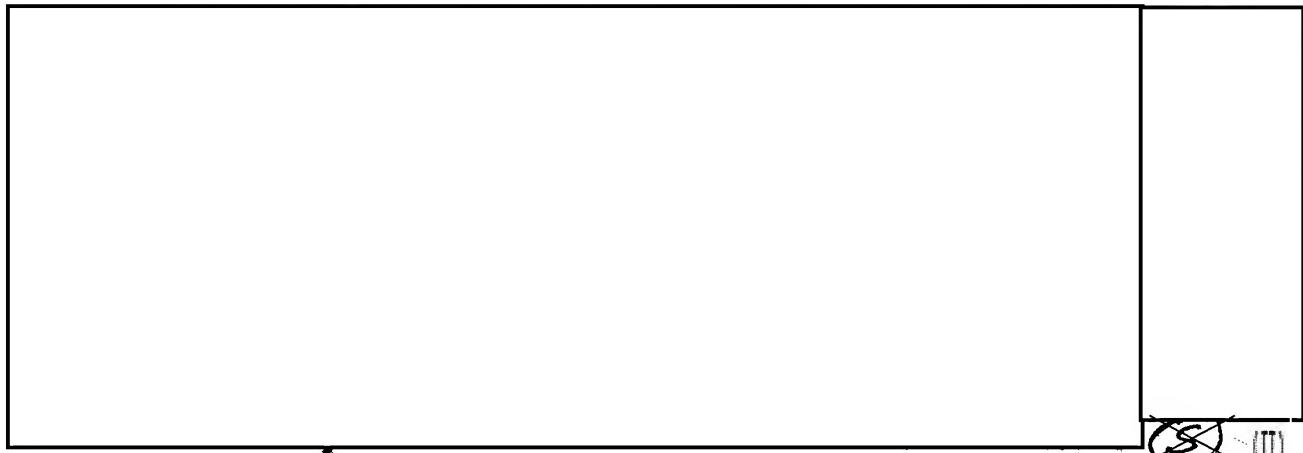
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

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Report of:

SA JAMES E. OTI, JR.

Office: Alexandria, Virginia

Date:

11/22/72

Field Office File #:

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Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MINIATURE FM TRANSMITTER FOUND
ON TELEPHONE OF R. SPENCER OLIVER, DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1972

Character:

INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

Interviews of employees and former employees of the Democratic National Committee, who were located in Virginia, were negative as to identity of unknown subjects in this matter or knowledge of anyone tampering or dismantling phone equipment at Democratic National Headquarters, Washington, D. C. [redacted]

[redacted] Director, [redacted]
 [redacted], Alexandria, Virginia, and [redacted] Investigations, [redacted] McLean, Virginia denied any knowledge of transmitter device found on telephone of OLIVER, and denied any manufacture or sale of any such device. [redacted] had contract from 9/7/72 to 11/7/72, from McGovern for President, Inc., 1910 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., to conduct line sweeps on phones at instant address and to perform physical and electronic searches of this premises for bugs or taps. [redacted] declined to advise results of his search or identity of individual he reported to or dealt with.

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DETAILS:

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Date of transcription 9/28/72

[redacted]
 [redacted] Arlington, Virginia (telephone unlisted)
 [redacted] was contacted and advised as follows:

She was employed as [redacted] of the Democratic National Committee with headquarters in Washington, D. C., from [redacted] until [redacted] On [redacted] she was named [redacted] of this committee. She resigned from the committee on [redacted] and is currently unemployed. [redacted] has no knowledge of any violation of the Interception of Communication Statute.

She has no knowledge of any one tampering with or dismantling telephone equipment at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

[redacted] stated that Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER served as liaison officer with State Chairman of the Democratic Committee and as such would be in daily telephonic contact with many of the State Chairman and as such information discussed with the State Chairman could be considered critical and confidential information.

[redacted] stated that her office was in the Executive Suite of the Democratic National Committee headquarters and her office was located approximately 50 to 75 feet from the office of Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER. She stated that she could not normally see into his office nor could she hear telephone conversations or other discussions being carried on in his office. She stated that her office was located closer to Mr. LAWRENCE O'BRIEN's office. O'BRIEN was chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

[redacted] could offer no suggestion as to who or what organization might have tampered with the telephones in Mr. OLIVER's office.

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by SA JOHN F. RUSSELL:dep

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Date of transcription 9/28/721

[redacted] Arling-
ton, Virginia, telephone number [redacted], was contacted and
she furnished the following information:

She was employed on a part-time basis in the Office of Communications at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters, Watergate Building, Washington, D.C., from [redacted] until [redacted]. She worked under the supervision of [redacted], Director of the Office of Communications, and her duties were to answer correspondence and occasionally answer the telephone. She was in very limited contact with Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER and is not sure where his office was located. She saw Mr. OLIVER on occasion when he would be in the office of the Director of Communications. She recalled that Mr. OLIVER had something to do with contacting State Chairmen of the National Democratic Committee. His exact duties were unknown to her. She has no knowledge of anyone tampering with or dismantling telephone equipment at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters and did not know why Mr. OLIVER's telephone would be selected as a target for a wire tap.

[redacted] stated, however, that the Democratic National Committee Headquarters was sort of an "open sort of place" and would have been easy for strangers to wander in as they frequently did. She stated that on a number of occasions an individual would be in the headquarters area and it would not be until later that it was determined that this individual was unknown to those working in the office.

[redacted] advised that she is unemployed at this time and can generally be reached after 2:30 in the afternoon at her home if the need were to arise for re-contacting her for any purpose.

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1Date of transcription 10/6/72

Vienna, Virginia, residence phone [redacted], advised as follows:

She was employed as a [redacted] at Democratic National Committee for McGOVERN Campaign Headquarters, Washington, D.C. from about [redacted], until [redacted] when she resigned.

[redacted] denied any knowledge whatsoever that any employee of the Democratic National Committee or anyone else was involved in tampering with or dismantling telephone equipment at Committee headquarters. She could furnish no information regarding a violation of the Interception of Communications Statute.

[redacted] was aware of Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER's position at Democratic National Committee Headquarters, but had no knowledge concerning a reason for the selection of Mr. OLIVER's telephone as a wiretap target.

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Arlington, Virginia, residence phone [redacted] advised as follows:

She worked as a volunteer in the office of the Secretary of Democratic National Committee. Mrs. DOROTHY BUSH, from [redacted] until late [redacted]. This started on a part-time basis after her regular work as a [redacted] at the [redacted] Mc Lean, Virginia. From the end of school, until the Democratic National Convention, which she attended at Miami, Florida, she worked as a full-time volunteer in Mrs. BUSH's office on delegate selection. Since the convention, [redacted] has been to the Democratic National Committee offices on a part-time and irregular basis.

[redacted] has no knowledge whatsoever that any employee of the Democratic National Committee or anyone else was involved in tampering with or dismantling telephone equipment at Committee Headquarters. She had no information regarding a violation of the Interception of Communications Statute.

[redacted] could furnish no information as to the reason for the selection of Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER's telephone as a wiretap target.

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November 15, 1972

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Alexandria, Virginia, residence phone [redacted] advised as follows:

He was employed as [redacted] for the 1972 Democratic National Convention, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., from about [redacted] in Miami, Florida, in [redacted]

[redacted] could offer no information regarding the devices found at Democratic National Headquarters, and denied any knowledge that any employee of the Democratic National Committee or anyone else was involved in tampering with or dismantling telephone equipment at headquarters.

The [redacted] was first located on the first floor at the Watergate headquarters, and about mid-June moved to an office at the Sheraton Park Hotel for about ten days. About July 2, 1972, they moved back to the Watergate headquarters and occupied the three office suites including the office of Mr. R. SPENCER OLIVER, whom he understood had left the area, possibly for Miami.

The [redacted] was in these offices for about five or six days for the purpose of preparation of the Committee report. In view of the [redacted] controversy over delegates from California and Illinois, the work of this Committee was very important and vital, and [redacted] believed it would have been possible the device in Mr. OLIVER's phone could have been targeted for this reason, although he had no information on which to base this proposition.

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[redacted] and [redacted] both occupied Mr. OLIVER's office and desk during the five or six days they were at this location. [redacted] during this time noted nothing irregular in regard to Mr. OLIVER's telephone equipment.

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by SA [redacted], JR.:sw Date dictated 11/10/72

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[redacted], Alexandria, Virginia, advised
as follows:

His firm has never manufactured an FM transmitter as found on the telephone of R. SPENCER OLIVER at Democratic National Committee Headquarters, Washington, D. C., on September 15, 1972. [redacted] was shown photographs of this device, and he advised he has not seen such an item in the last ten years, and he has never procured or sold such security device to anyone or any organization.

[redacted] could not recognize the item or its parts as having been manufactured by any firm. He thought that a similar device was made during the late 1950's and the early 1960's by an individual by the name of [redacted] Washington, D. C. [redacted] thought possibly [redacted] La. private investigator in McLean, Virginia, could furnish some information regarding this type of device.

[redacted] advised that his firm had a contract, dated September 7, 1972, with MC GOVERN for President, Inc., 1910 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., which was for the purpose of conducting a telephone line sweep on all phones at the instant K Street premises, and to perform physical and electronic searches of the same premises for bugs or taps. This contract ended November 7, 1972.

[redacted] declined to state the results of his search or the individual who signed the contract for MC GOVERN for President, Inc., or with whom he dealt. He declined to furnish this information because he was requested not to do so by the "Staff Aide" with whom he made the contract.

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1[redacted]
[redacted] McLean, Virginia, advised as follows:

He does not manufacture or sell such security device as the miniature FM transmitter found on the telephone of R. SPENCER OLIVER, Democratic National Committee Headquarters, Washington, D. C., on September 15, 1972.

He viewed photographs of this security device and advised he could not recognize the manufacturer of the device or any of its parts. He thought it appeared to be very cheap construction, and different from anything he has seen.

He has not procured or sold such a device to anyone or any organization, and could furnish no information as to the source of this device.

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